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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6934

BILL NUMBER: SB 411

DATE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: IURC Administrative Proceedings.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill amends the open door law to permit the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to deliberate rate cases in executive session.

The bill prohibits a commissioner, an administrative law judge, or an employee or agent of the IURC who is assigned to a formally docketed proceeding from communicating with a party to the proceeding unless the party files a notice of the communication for inclusion in the public record.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would allow IURC administrative law judges, commissioners, or employees assigned to a formally docketed proceeding before the IURC to communicate with a party involved in the proceeding, if the party agrees to submit a written notice of the communication with the administrative law judge or commissioner assigned to the party's proceeding and the secretary of the commissioner for inclusion in the public record.

This provision could cause a negligible increase in the administrative burden of IURC staff. Any impact could be absorbed using existing staff and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Office of the Utility Consumer Counselor.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: